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## K-State, Manhattan area news

By KAREN SARITA INGRAM  
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### Wamego to host Tulip Festival this weekend

The 27th annual Tulip Festival will take place this weekend in Wamego City Park. The family-friendly event will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Activities include a 5k charity race, petting zoo, climbing wall, games geared toward children and more. Vendors will be selling food, such as barbecue and funnel cakes, and locally made crafts, such as pottery, jewelry, candles, soap and art. The event is free and open to the public. For more information visit [visitwamego.com/things-to-do/festivals-and-events/Tulip-Festival](http://visitwamego.com/things-to-do/festivals-and-events/Tulip-Festival).

### American Red Cross comes to campus next week for blood donations

The American Red Cross is asking students and others to donate blood at their upcoming four-day blood drive. The organization will be accepting donors from April 15-17 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the K-State Student Union Ballroom, from 2:30-8 p.m. on the same days in Putnam Hall lobby, and on April 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

According to the American Red Cross, about 20 percent of their blood donations come from college students.

### Easter Egg Roll at Eisenhower Presidential Library

The second annual Easter Egg Roll will be held at the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abeline, Kan. next Saturday, April 19, from 1-3 p.m. Activities will include the egg hunt, a scavenger hunt, face painting, pictures with the Easter Bunny and more. The event is free and open to the public. For more information visit [eisenhower.archives.gov](http://eisenhower.archives.gov).

### The Graduate School announces final doctoral dissertations

The final doctoral dissertation of Zak Ratajczak, "Ecological Thresholds and Abrupt Transitions of Tallgrass Prairie to Shrublands and Woodlands," will be held April 15 at 11 a.m. in Ackert Hall, room 242.

The final doctoral dissertation of Loai Zomlot, "Handling Uncertainty in Intrusion Analysis," will be held April 15 at 4 p.m. in Nichols Hall, room 127.

The final doctoral dissertation of Hong Geun Kim, "The Roles of Transient Receptor Potential Channels in Thermostatic Behavior, in Thermal Acclimation, and in Tonic Immobility in the Red Flour Beetle, *Tribolium castaneum* (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae)," will be held April 16 at 8:30 a.m. in Water Hall, room 137.

The final doctoral dissertation of Philip Defoe, "Urban Brownfields to Gardens: Minimizing Human Exposure to Lead and Arsenic," will be held April 16 at 1 p.m. in Throckmorton Hall, room 2002.

The final doctoral dissertation of Wei Cao, "Pump-Probe Study of Atoms and Small Molecules with Laser Driven High Order Harmonics," will be held April 16 at 3 p.m. in Cardwell Hall, room 119.

The final doctoral dissertation of Bethany Belanger, "Feasibility and Effectiveness of Healthy Menu Changes for Non-Trainee Military Dining Facilities," will be held April 16 at 3:30 p.m. in Justin Hall, room 150.

The final doctoral dissertation of Adey- anu Adedayo, "Genetic Study of Resistance to Charcoal Rot and Fusarium Stalk Rot Diseases of Sorghum," will be held April 16 at 10 a.m. in Throckmorton Hall, room 2002.

## NSA monitoring still hot topic for US, Kansas politicians

By JENA SAUBER  
THE COLLEGIAN

In the months since National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden leaked sensitive documents held by the NSA, the public discussion and opinion about the agency's actions have fluctuated between almost hero-like approval for Snowden and outright rage at the perceived breach of privacy.

Now, almost a year later, the agency continues to defend itself in light of political and public anger and lack of widespread support, including from some Kansas politicians.

### 'Unique agency'

The NSA was developed under the orders of the 33rd president, Harry Truman, in the Nation-

al Security Council in the early 1950s. Since then, it has worked to guard the U.S. through various means, including code deciphering and communications monitoring.

"The NSA saves lives, defends vital networks, advances U.S. goals and alliances, and protects privacy rights," said Bill Combs, technical director in public affairs at the National Security Agency in D.C. "It's a unique agency."

The organization operated mostly out of general public scrutiny until the summer of 2013 when NSA contractor Snowden released sensitive information held by the agency.

According to the information Snowden provided to the Guardian newspaper in the U.K., the NSA was partnering with organizations and gathering information previously assumed to be private, including through partnerships

with tech companies including Apple, Google and Microsoft. A collection of documents, called Boundless Informant, showed that the agency collected almost 3 billion pieces of information from American computer networks in a 31-day period that ended in March 2013, according to The Guardian.

When the information surfaced that the NSA was collecting information on phone calls, many Americans became concerned. The courts noticed. In December 2013, U.S. District Judge Richard Leon announced their ruling that the NSA's metadata collection of phone records, which included the time of calls and numbers, violated privacy rights. Later that same month, a New York federal judge ruled the opposite, saying the NSA's actions were legal.

"Might the NSA have the technology to listen to your phone calls? Do we have the people to do that? No. Do we have a giant database and hide it and do all the foreign stuff, too? No," General Keith Alexander, commander of the U.S. Cyber Command, said.

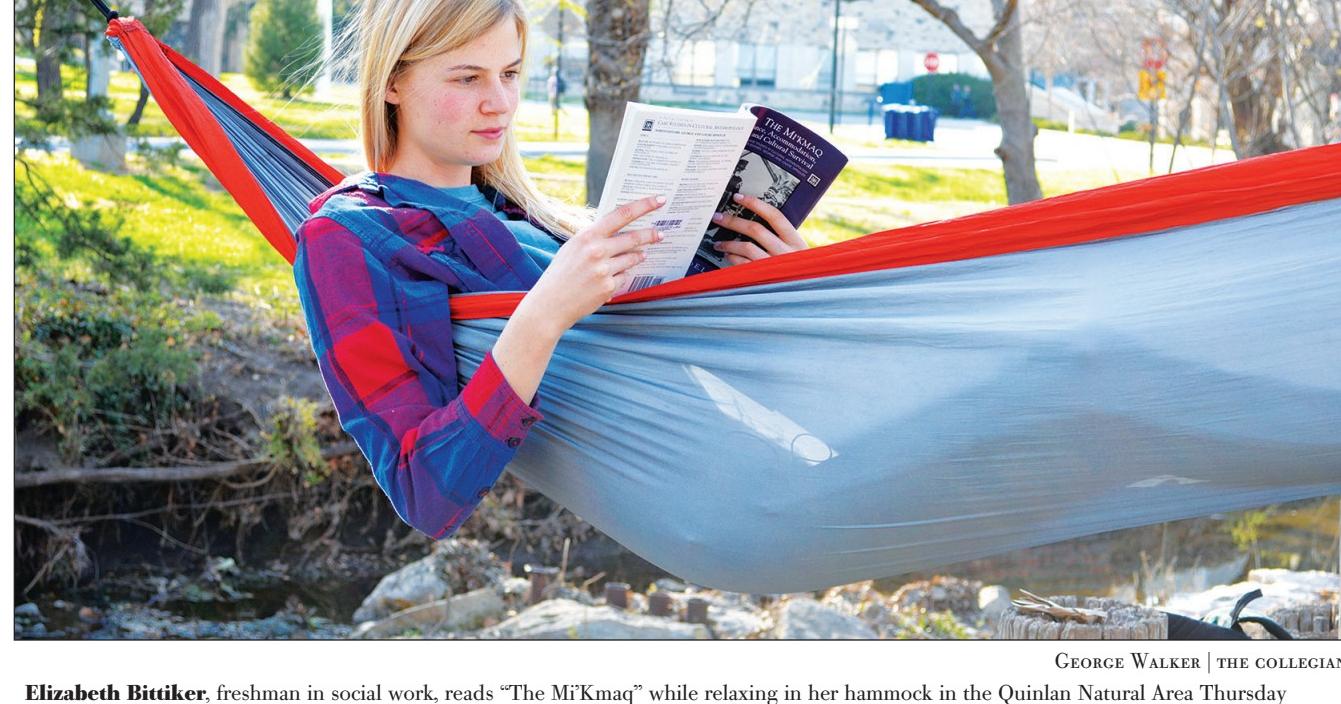
What they are looking for, Alexander and Combs said, is anything that could pose a threat to U.S. security. This includes domestic communication with anyone that has been deemed a "terrorist."

"The threats have changed a lot," Combs said. "There are small nations or groups, the kid in his basement with a Commodore that can threaten security."

The definition of a "terrorist" is defined by the organizations the NSA works with, Combs said. The NSA works for virtually every branch of the government, including the military, the FBI and the CIA.

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## Hanging on every word



GEORGE WALKER | THE COLLEGIAN

**Elizabeth Bittiker**, freshman in social work, reads "The Mi'Kmaq" while relaxing in her hammock in the Quinlan Natural Area Thursday afternoon.

## Kays, Kennedy take office as new Senate term begins

By MIKE STANTON  
THE COLLEGIAN

In the Big 12 Room of the K-State Student Union Thursday night, former student body president and vice president, Eli Schooley and Jake Unruh, passed the torch onto their successors Reagan Kays, senior in agribusiness, and Cody Kennedy, junior in education and mathematics.

Kays and Kennedy were elected in March by the student body in a landslide victory.

"Cody and I are really excited for our year of service to the student body," Kays, senior in agribusiness, said. "Our top priority is representing students to K-State

administration and alumni and the City of Manhattan, and we're ready to get to work on our platform issues."

Schooley, senior in political science, said he's proud of what his team was able to achieve during his term.

"When you're surrounded by incredible people, your goals become a lot easier to realize than they would otherwise be," Schooley said. "I'm excited to see all that the Kays and Kennedy administration will achieve in the coming year. Reagan and Cody are passionate leaders who won't stop until their goals are reality."

Schooley said he plans to enroll in a law school next year, and that while leaving Manhattan and

the people he's grown close to here will be difficult, he's excited to see what his future holds.

After the new leaders of the student body were sworn in, Kyle Nuss opened the floor for nominations to succeed him as Speaker of the senate. In a close election, Abby Works, senior in chemistry, and former chief of staff for Schooley's cabinet, was chosen to fill the position. She will chair meetings of the senate, Student Governing Association's executive committee and oversee senators and officers.

"Abby is great and I have all the faith in the world in her," Nuss, senior in architectural engineering, said.

The new collection of sen-

ators were sworn in early in the meeting, then voted on the next speaker pro tempore. In another close vote, Kurt Lockwood, junior in agricultural economics, was elected to the position, assuming the duties of the speaker in her absence. Lockwood will also chair the Student Affairs Committee and the Diversity Programming Committee.

### Summary of Legislation Passed:

Resolution 14/15/01: Commendation to Ben Champion

Resolution 14/15/02: Approval of New Student Senators

Resolution 14/15/03: Approval of Attorney General Nominee Interview Committee

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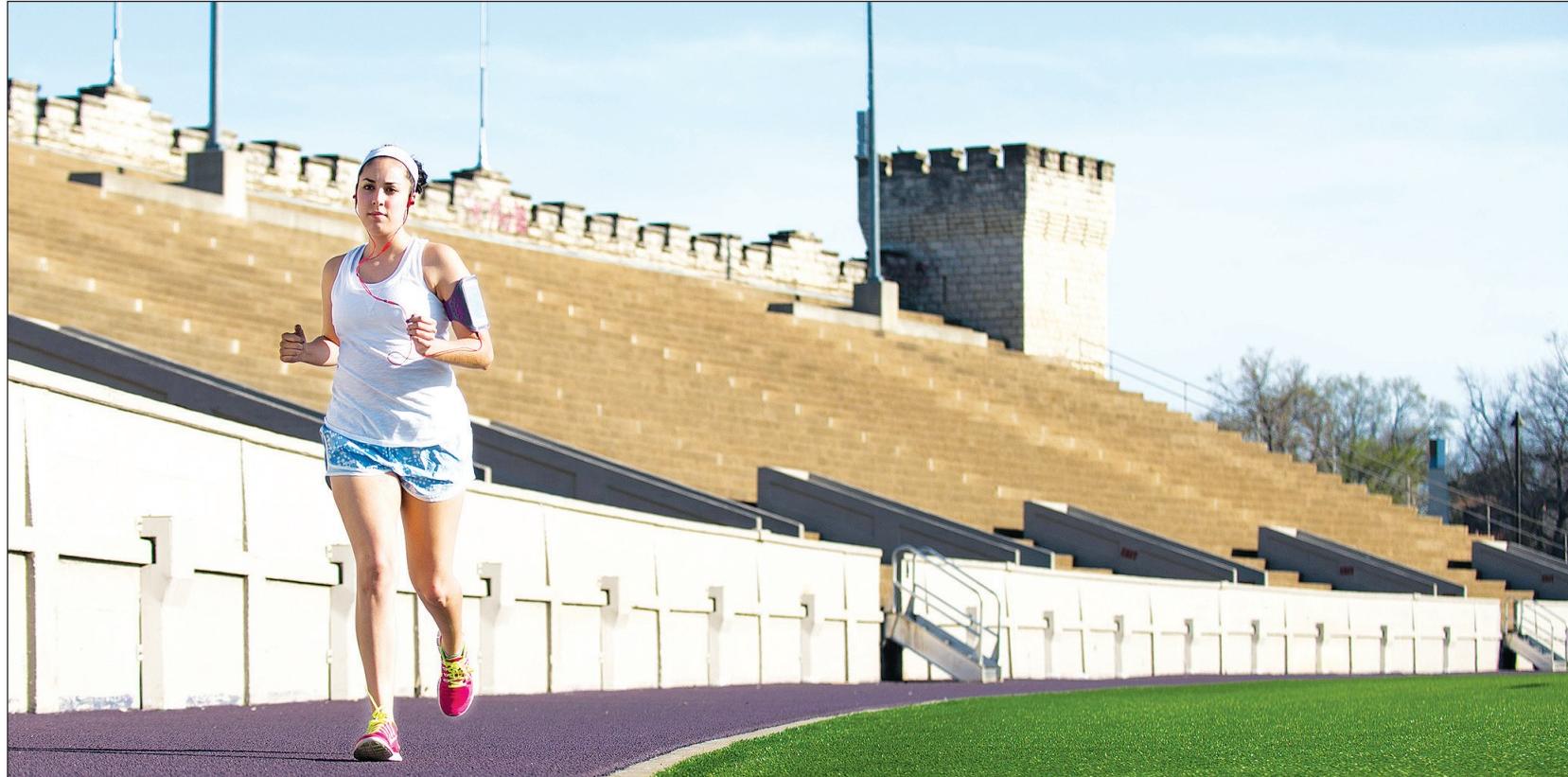
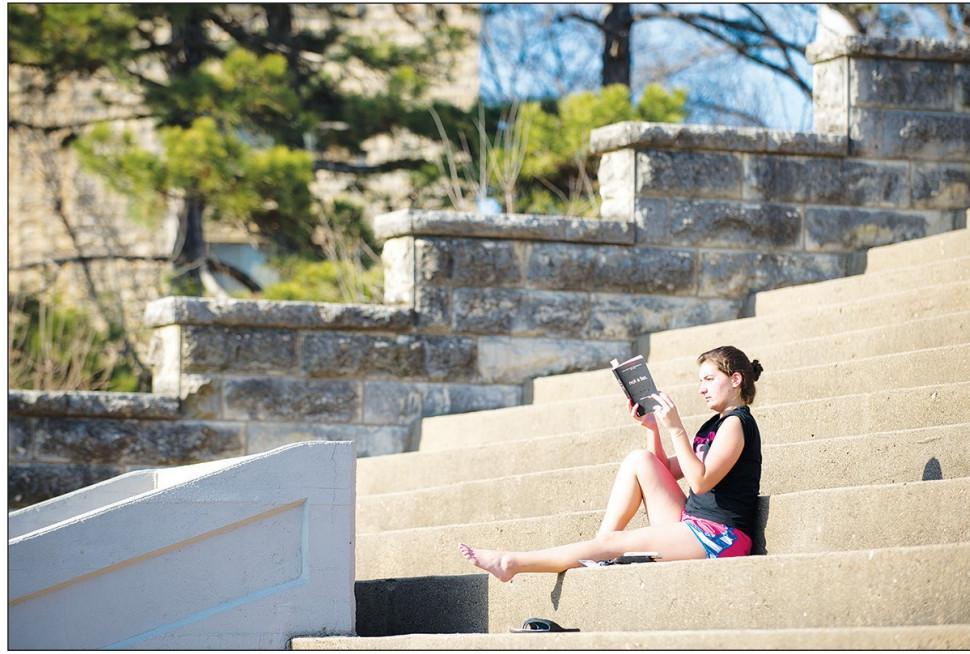
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# Campus blooms into spring

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**TOP:** Brett Budler, sophomore in music education, and Christian Martinez, freshmen in music education, practice on their snare drums in preparation of drumline auditions for next year's marching band in the World War II Memorial Thursday afternoon.

**ABOVE LEFT:** Sarah Jeffery, December 2013 graduate in communication sciences and disorders, enjoys Thursday's nice weather in Memorial Stadium while on her break from working in the Natatorium.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Anne Benest, senior in art, works on a still life painting in Intro to Oil Painting in Willard Hall Thursday afternoon.

**LEFT:** Lilia Flores, senior in public health nutrition, jogs around Memorial Stadium Thursday evening.

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- Saturday Apr. 12 (Lazarus Saturday)
  - 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
  - 5 p.m. Great Vespers for Palm Sunday
- Sunday Apr. 13 (Palm Sunday) 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy with procession
- Sunday Apr. 13, Monday Apr. 14, Tuesday Apr. 15, 6 p.m.: Bridegroom Orthros
- Wednesday Apr. 16, 6 p.m.: Holy Unction Service
- Thursday Apr. 17, 6 p.m.: The Orthros of the 12 passion Gospels
- Friday Apr. 18 (Great and Holy Friday)
  - 9 a.m.: The Royal Hours of Great and Holy Friday with Typica
  - 3 p.m.: The Vespers of the Un-nailing
  - 6 p.m.: The Lamentations (The Orthros of Great and Holy Saturday)
- Saturday Apr. 19 (Great and Holy Saturday)
  - 10 a.m.: The Vigil Liturgy (Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great)
  - 11 p.m.: Midnight Office and Festal Orthros of Pascha
- Sunday Apr. 20 (HOLY PASCHA)
  - 12:01 a.m.: Paschal Divine Liturgy (Breaking of the Great Fast follows)
  - 5 p.m.: Agape Vespers (Pot-luck supper follows)

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## BASEBALL

# Conference stakes will run high for Wildcats in Texas

By SPENCER LOW  
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The up and down season for K-State on the baseball diamond continues this weekend as they travel to Lubbock, Texas for a weekend series against Texas Tech.

In their last five games, the Wildcat offense has scored three runs or less three times and scored 10 runs twice. In this, the team has consistently demonstrated all season that they can not only dominate, but also struggle.

K-State started out 1-7, responded with a 12 game win-streak, and have gone 7-6 since, never winning or losing more than two in a row. Now, in the second half of the season, head coach Brad Hill is looking for consistency, and the team needs a big weekend after taking just one game in each of their other two conference series this season.

For K-State (20-13, 2-4 Big 12), winning this series would go a long way towards sending a message to the rest of the Big 12 that the reign-

ing conference champions are still in it. For Texas Tech (25-11, 5-7 Big 12), winning the series means getting their conference record to .500 or above and showing that they deserve a spot in the national rankings. In conference play, the stakes are always high.

K-State's offense delivered on its tremendous potential with 10 runs on Wednesday night against Nebraska. After scoring 10 runs last Friday followed by four runs in the next two games combined, they are ready to show that they can keep their foot on the gas for an entire series.

Senior center fielder Ross Kivett leads the team in batting average (.346), hits (44), doubles (10), and stolen bases (10) so far this season, and is the pacesetter for the offense from the leadoff spot in the lineup. Behind him, shortstop Austin Fisher has stepped into the three hole in the lineup and performed terrifically in his junior season by hitting .341, senior third baseman RJ Santigate is batting .328, and senior first baseman Shane Conlon carries a .305 average into the weekend.

For the Red Raider offense,

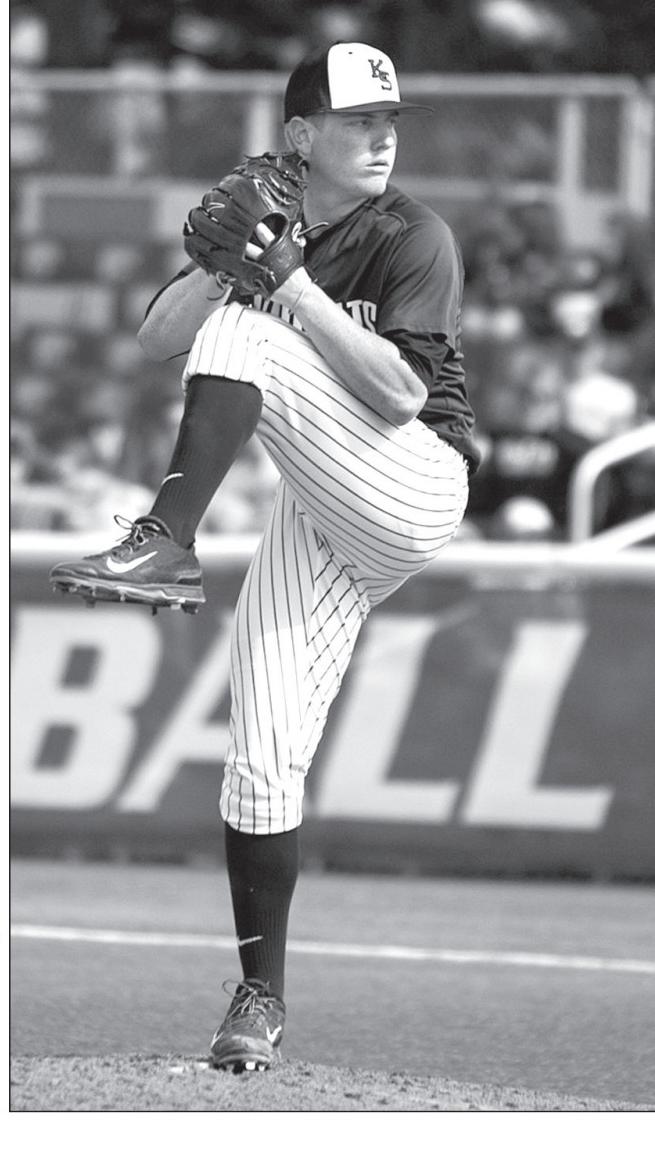
there could not be much more momentum after they pushed 19 runs across on Abilene Christian Tuesday night. Eric Gutierrez is man at the helm of that offense with a .341 average at the plate, .466 on-base percentage, and a .566 slugging percentage. He has also displayed excellent power this season with six home runs, which is tied for most in the Big 12.

Texas Tech is 18-4 this season playing at their home field in Rip Griffin Park in Lubbock, meaning that the Wildcats face a tough battle to come away with a series win, but conference play is gut check time, and both teams are looking to show what they have.

Tonight's series opener is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., tomorrow's game starts at 3 p.m., and first pitch on Sunday is slated for 1 p.m.

EMILY DESHAZER | THE COLLEGIAN

K-State freshman pitcher Jake Fromson begins his pitching motion during the 6-3 loss to Kansas on Saturday afternoon at Tointon Family Stadium. Fromson allowed only three hits and struck out three in three innings, but it was not enough to defeat the Jayhawks.



## TENNIS



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Junior Amina St. Hill returns a volley to Oklahoma's Emma Devine in St. Hill's defeat of Devine and K-State's loss to the Sooners at the Mike Goss Tennis Stadium on March 28.

# Seeking success in Lone Star state against Red Raiders, Horned Frogs

By JOHN ZETMEIR  
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TCU Horned Frogs and the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

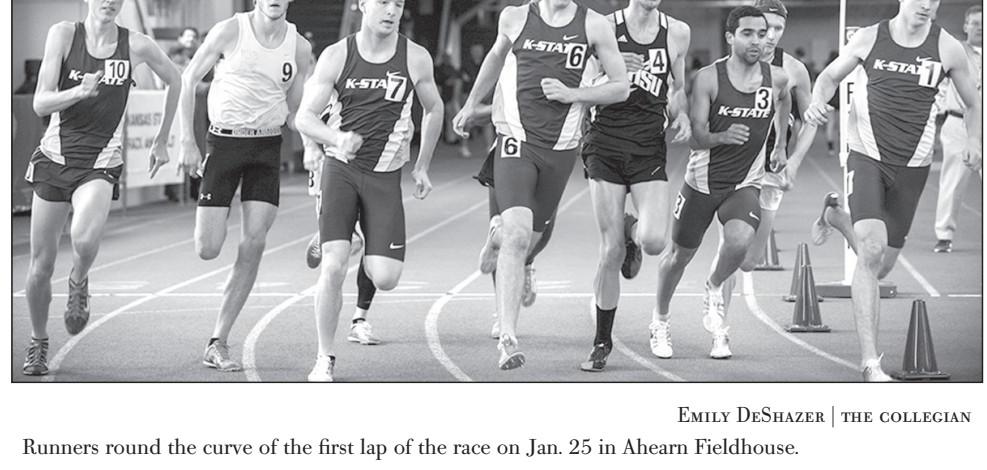
On Saturday, the Wildcats will begin their weekend double-header against the TCU Horned Frogs in Fort Worth, Texas. The Horned Frogs have won all four meetings against the Wildcats in the series history.

The Wildcats will wrap up the weekend Sunday in Lubbock, Texas. K-State has not found much success against the Red Raiders recently, having dropped eight of the last 11 meetings.

Saturday's match in Fort Worth will start at 2 p.m. while Sunday's match in Lubbock is set for 12 p.m.

## TRACK AND FIELD

# Women's team outrank men's squad, send combined 36 athletes to California



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Runners round the curve of the first lap of the race on Jan. 25 in Ahearn Fieldhouse.

BY SPENCER LOW  
THE COLLEGIAN

Last weekend, the K-State team split into three groups to compete in multiple meets in California. This weekend, they will come back together and head to Tucson, Ariz. The compe-

tition started on Thursday, however, the Wildcats will not begin competition until Saturday. Between both the men and women, K-State will have 36 athletes competing over the weekend.

This week, USTFCCCA released their first outdoor track and field team rankings. The Wildcat's men squad came in at No. 44 while the

women sit a little higher at No. 37.

On the men's side, sophomore decathlete Reinis Kregers will be in action for K-State. Coming off of a second place finish last weekend at the Sam Adams Multi, Kregers was named Big 12

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# NSA not overstepping limits while providing national security

By JASON TIDD  
THE COLLEGIAN

A long-fought debate among political scientists concerns how much freedom should be sacrificed to maintain a desired level of public order and safety, which would include the safety and security of citizens.

The primary purpose of any government is to protect its citizens, from both foreign and domestic enemies. In this new era of terrorism and guerrilla warfare, information collection is vital to saving the lives of civilians and servicemen and women.

One of the ways that the U.S. government collects information is via the National Security Agency.

According to the June 27, 2013 Washington Post article "NSA chief says surveillance programs helped thwart dozens of plots" by Peter Finn. There have been many NSA success stories. In the article, former head of the NSA General Keith Alexander gave 54 cases where mass data collection helped stop suspected terrorists. Of these 54 cases, 42 were terror plots and 12 were individuals discovered to have been feeding information to terror operations.

Not only does the NSA help save lives of Americans, but it also helps our allies. In the same Washington Post article, it was reported that the NSA helped foil a car bombing plot near a U.S. Air Force base in Germany in 2007.

I could continue with a list of NSA success stories, but not everyone would be convinced of the good the NSA does. For those opposed to the NSA programs, the Fourth Amendment is their strongest argument. The problem, though, is that the NSA is not violating the Fourth Amendment or any other laws, or at least not according to current information about the spy agency.

The Fourth Amendment protects Americans from "unlawful search and seizure." The NSA is not seizing any property when it collects metadata. According to The Law Dictionary website, property ownership "is the right of one or more persons to possess and use (the property) to the exclusion of others." If the government has data on a certain phone number, that does not mean that the owner of the

phone number can no longer make calls.

The NSA is also careful to not conduct unlawful searches. Often times, the NSA is required to obtain court permission before collecting certain information. This follows the Fourth Amendment requirement for due-process warrants. The metadata on phone calls is obtained from phone providers through court orders. In addition to the Fourth Amendment, there are many other laws and rules regulating how and when the NSA may obtain information.

Unless the NSA is hiding information about secret programs, then it is not infringing on privacy. Phone

numbers, how often calls are made and how long the calls last hardly constitute an invasion of privacy. None of these give any information about the private lives of American citizens. Furthermore, the NSA may only listen in on a phone call if one end of the call is outside of the U.S.

Lawfully, the NSA may only intercept Internet traffic if one end is outside the U.S. I would agree that changes should be made to ensure that no law-abiding American citizens have their Internet usage spied upon. However, people should know that a Facebook post is hardly private; skilled hackers can access many private websites and most email providers already scan emails

in order to tailor advertisements.

I know that a lot of people do not trust the government, and for good reason. I too would love to know more about the NSA programs in order to form a better judgment on whether they are lawful, moral and ethical. However, I also understand that certain information is not divulged in order to keep the bad guys from knowing our spying techniques. Plus, none of our current information shows that the NSA is violating any U.S. law. For those not convinced, maybe solace can be found in the reports of the growing political consensus to end certain NSA programs.

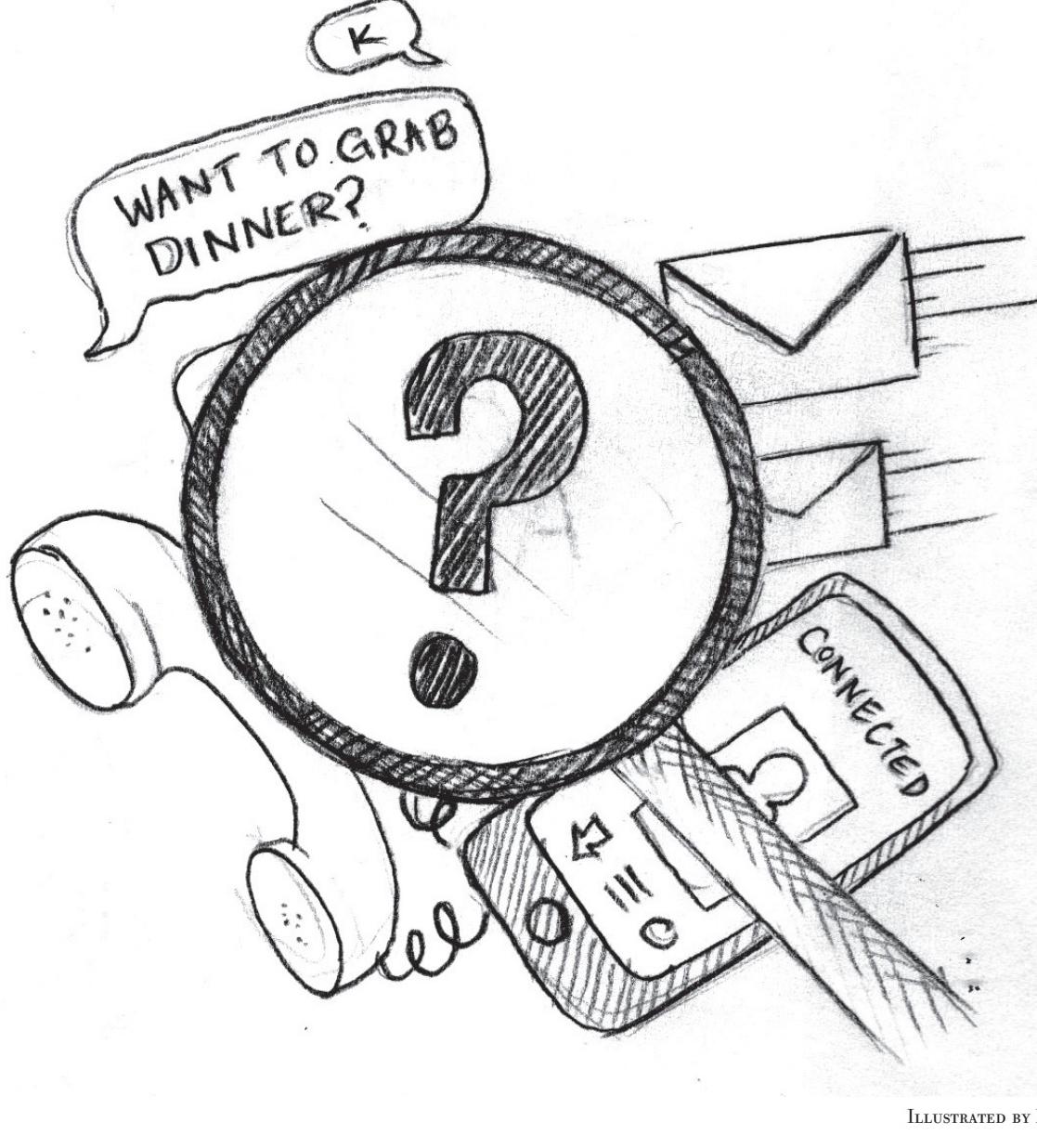
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I have yet to find a way in which the NSA is violating the personal liberty of Americans. Until the day that the NSA oversteps the Fourth Amendment or a better alternative for protecting lives is conceived, the NSA should continue to protect the freedom and safety of all Americans.

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## Rumors: media's trendiest poison is quickly killing credibility, accountability

By SHELTON BURCH  
THE COLLEGIAN

Rumors are killing the credibility of the news media and I am calling on you, dear reader, to stop being an accomplice to it.

There, I said it. Even as a writer, I confessed to you that our profession is killing itself out of its desire for immediacy, and if together, we are to ensure both parties (readers and writers) are to be bested served, journalism needs your help to save it from itself.

What once started as the occasional journalist publishing what they'd been told secretly has evolved rapidly into mainstream journalists just reporting what they think they might have heard at a bar.

It's a trend that seems to be as addictive as alcohol within the modern news media, but it has a plague potential of the Black Death. CNN, for instance, talks as much about "what we think we know" as what they actually have verifiable facts to support. The recent search for the missing airliner in the sea near Australia is an

obvious example, but is in no way a unique one. Comedian Steven Colbert even referenced the issue of rumors within media while responding last week to the Twitter controversy that recently hit his show.

"CNN even took a break from their Malaysian airliner coverage to spot what they thought was the wreckage of my show off the coast of Australia," Colbert said.

In the last week, Facebook users may have noticed a story about bison in Yellowstone National Park fleeing the area, along with other wildlife, in

the "trending" column on their newsfeed. Media has speculated this could be due to some pending eruption of a volcano in the park which scientists, according to at least one National Geographic article, believe could be capable of mass destruction throughout at least the central part of the U.S.

Spoiler alert: As you read the August 2009 article "When Yellowstone Explodes" by Joel Achenbach, the conclusion is ultimately that nobody knows if this volcano will erupt in our lifetime or 1,000 years from now. Meanwhile, one re-

search assistant who worked at Yellowstone told the USA Today it was no big deal. In other words, the writer of the National Geographic article was writing about the possibility of something happening. He, though writing factually and informatively about the subject matter while using expert testimony, was still presenting what amounts to be nothing more than a rumor.

News media, regardless of the genre, have been doing this very thing lately. It's now to the point where even I as a journalist don't have the patience for it. When I turn on CNN, I see "experts" providing options and theories which are then quoted as "facts" by news media and taken out into the world, dispersed on the web like dandelion seeds blown by a child into the wind.

Where do you, dear reader, turn to when all you see as you look to major news networks is people arguing about their opinions?

The answer is unclear, even to me – a student of the very intellectual nourishment sought when turning on the news in the first place. The places you can look to find straight information being presented in a relatively unbiased way seem to be disappearing like the Great Plains have in the

last 100 years.

But, like these few remaining protected plains, I fear for the future of such places.

So what's to be done to stop this? The answer, very simply, is for you to stop allowing it.

When you turn to the sports media, and they're talking about how the color of one team's jersey might affect the outcome of the game (like ESPN recently did before the Super Bowl), or you turn on the national news like Fox or CNN and they are calling something "breaking news" that was reported last week or the week before in nearly every minor detail, turn it off.

The only way news outlets get feedback from their readership is by watching how many people are watching them. To stop the flow of rumors, the strongest signal you can send is to turn it off until you can hear some truth.

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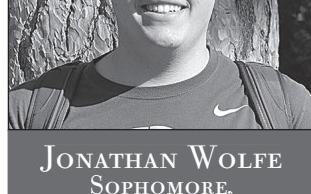
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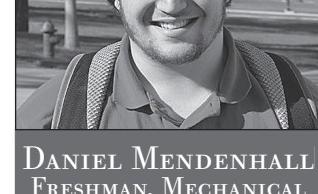
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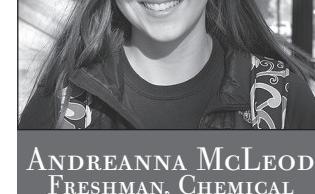
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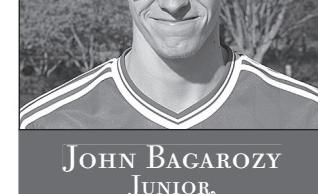
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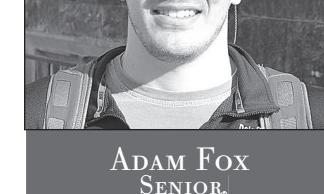
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"I think that it does somewhat overstep the boundaries, because we have a right to our own privacy. But, I believe it is for a greater good in some instances. I think they are justified somewhat."

"... I would say they have some right to do it ... Yes, I am uncomfortable with it, but yes, I do believe they have the right."

"I haven't really paid attention to it, so I don't know much about it."

"Yeah, it seems like it violates the privacy of the people, and I think it's something that if they are going to do, that they need to tell us."

"Personally I believe that whatever's done to protect our freedoms is necessary. But, I believe that the government has been overstepping their boundaries for a while."

## #ReadWomen2014 includes overlooked perspectives of female authors

BY LOGAN FALLETTI  
THE COLLEGIAN

Classic readings are a part of any school curriculum. While some classes might include "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee or "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou, the vast majority of books taught in schools are written by men.

Harvard University Press, an academic publishing house, showed that only 15 percent of its content was written by women. Fewer books by women are being reviewed, and even fewer reviewers are women.

More often than not, women are given more "flowery" cover art and more "delicate" wording on their book jackets and in reviews. Joanna Walsh, a writer and illustrator and cre-

ator of a master list of female authors, urges that "if you find an imbalance, consider whether you might have been a victim of inequality, missing out on good writing because of a pink dust jacket."

Walsh created 250 "Cartes de Voeux," a type of New Year's greeting cards, featuring these women authors and began to tweet them for her Twitter followers.

From that came #ReadWomen2014, a Twitter-based campaign to promote authors that are typically overlooked based on their gender. #ReadWomen2014 has spawned book recommendation lists, boosted poetry and article views, and rekindled a consciousness for choosing female authors.

K-State's impact

K-State offers classes that redesign the typical course to

include more female authors that students may not have otherwise been exposed to.

Angela Hubler, associate professor of women's studies,

**"It's really helpful to realize that fighting the patriarchy and sexism is not just in the 20th century. Women have had these ideas for hundreds of years."**

ANGELA HUBLER  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF WOMEN'S STUDIES

teaches World Literature and Culture by Women, a class that studies materials produced exclusively by women. This includes novels, poetry, short stories and movies by various authors from a 17th century Mexican nun to a modern Nige-

rian immigrant.

The goal of the class is to offer an experience in reading literature that can enrich students' lives and encourage them

to share the new literature with others.

According to Hubler, these women who have been marginalized "turn to literature to express themselves instead of being defined by others."

"It's really helpful to real-

ize that fighting the patriarchy and sexism is not just in the 20th century," Hubler said. "Women have had these ideas for hundreds of years. Often in the U.S., we don't get outside of a very narrow perspective. We need to think about those who live outside it. Gender is being defined in and constructed in ways that may be different in other parts of the world."

Student opinions

Reactions to the classes

are mixed. Some students cite

the need for all genders to read

female authors, while others

think the gender of the author

is important outside of certain

circles.

"For me it's not a big deal,

but for some people it might

matter, especially if they are going

into women's studies," Roszel said. "It would be good for guys to take. It's different from other stuff they see out there."

## NSA | Politicians, court system continue balance battle between security, privacy

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"Whatever happens is what we will work with," Alexander said. "It seems tough to believe, but we do what they tell us to do."

The average American shouldn't be concerned, unless they are interacting with a known "terrorist," Alexander said.

The agency has defended their telephone metadata collection practice in court, including in the cases in New York and D.C. in December 2013, on the grounds that the practice is designed to collect information on subjects to protect the nation.

"We never asked permission to see everyone ... everything we do is targeted," Alexander said. "Chances are, 99 percent of Americans aren't talking to a known terrorist everyday. We don't care."

In the New York federal court, Leon noted that the government, "does not cite a single instance in which analysis of the NSA's bulk metadata collection actually stopped an imminent attack, or otherwise aided the government in achieving any objective that was time-sensitive in nature."

### Court process

If it is believed that a citizen is interacting with a terrorist, the NSA must take the request for more information to the courts, Combs said. The court then decides if there is a reasonable cause for gathering more information before they continue with the collection process, he said.

"Most of them are there serving a real purpose," Tom

Blanton, director of the National Security Archives in Washington, D.C., said. "Their best defense is that each step of the way, they clear it with their bosses and lawyers. Arguably, those lawyers aren't always right about privacy."

Alexander dismissed the idea that NSA employees were listening in on phone calls, or perusing the activities of all American citizens.

"We can't do everything," Alexander said. "Everyone thinks that we can do everything – that the NSA is a magical place that can do everything, but that's not true."

An important aspect of what they do is to help the military by gathering foreign information, Alexander said.

"We can know where it is going, what it is going to do," Alexander said. "Think about all the cool things you can do with that. People think about it in war time ... but it's a peace tool, too."

### Kansas split

Kansas politicians are split on their view of the NSA's activities and the constitutionality of those actions.

"With the NSA ... they aren't listening to your calls — only if you are talking to someone overseas who is a terrorist," Kansas Senator Pat Roberts said. "They then take it to the courts, take a look at it, and if it is reasonable, they go in."

Roberts served as the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee for four years until 2006. He expressed his support for using the NSA to further military action, but only for the "good of the country."

The Patriot Act was passed in 2001, following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. It "allows investigators to use the tools that were already available to investigate organized crime and drug trafficking," including allowing "federal agents to follow sophisticated terrorists trained to evade detection," and other terror-related situations, according to the Department of Justice.

More than a decade later, Huelskamp said he doesn't know what will come next.

"I, as a member of Congress, don't know what I should ask," said Huelskamp, describing his displeasure with the vague answers he feels Congress receives from the NSA. "We get 'Harvard Lawyer' answers."

What Congress knows has changed over time, as well as his opinion on the issue, Huelskamp said.

"I voted for the Patriot Act, but I wouldn't today," Huelskamp said.

Blanton said he believes that, in some capacities, the NSA is overstepping ethical and legal boundaries.

"When the director looks at the camera and says, 'No, we don't collect data on millions of Americans,' he is lying," Blanton said.

Blanton said Capability shouldn't equal action.

"Just because they can 'Hoover' it all up, they do," Blanton said. "It doesn't mean that they have to."

### Potential changes

In March, the Obama administration proposed changes to end the NSA's bulk collection of millions of phone records. The proposal has been criticized since its unveiling for leaving gaps and questions.

The full details of the proposal haven't been released yet.

In early April, President Barack Obama announced details on his plan to overhaul the NSA's phone surveillance program. The newest changes would require service carriers to collect and store customer data longer than they are currently required to. Information such as phone numbers and call duration, but not content, would be recorded and saved by providers and required to be turned over to the NSA in response to court-approved government requests.

The proposal brings up questions about flat-rate or unlimited plans. Current Federal Communications Commission rules are "vague" for unlimited phone plans because consumers don't get bills for individual calls, according to an April 3 Reuters article by Mark Hosenball and Alina Selyukh.

"At this early point in the process, we propose this basic principle that should guide the effort: the reformed collection process should not require companies to store data for longer than, or in formats that differ from, what they already do for business purposes," Verizon Communications, Inc. General

Counsel Randal Milch said in a March 27 blog post, referring to Section 215 of the Patriot Act, the law that authorized the NSA program.

A bill currently drafted by the House Intelligence Committee would allow the NSA to request metadata from the phone companies under a broad authorization from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court; at a later date, the court would be required to review the data to see if the data collection had been legitimate.

### Okay with discussion

According to Alexander, the NSA isn't turning away from the discussion that has formed after the 2013 leak.

"What we don't have a problem with is the discussion," he said. "Yes, maybe it should have been discussed earlier, but it's good that we're having these conversations."

He warned citizens from believing everything they hear about the agency.

"A lot of what you are seeing is things that could be done," Alexander said. "They took the blueprint, not the rule-book."

## TRACK | All-American men's squad

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Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week. Senior All-American Devin Dick is expected to make his outdoor debut in 110 meter hurdles, the long jump and the shot put. Another senior All-American, Carlos Rodriguez, will also be

making his outdoor debut in the 200 meter dash.

For the women, sophomore thrower Sara Savatovic highlights the No. 37 ranked Wildcats. This will be the second time this season that Savatovic has thrown outdoor. In her first hammer throw of the outdoor season, she set

a career high toss. She is the reigning Big 12 champion in the hammer throw.

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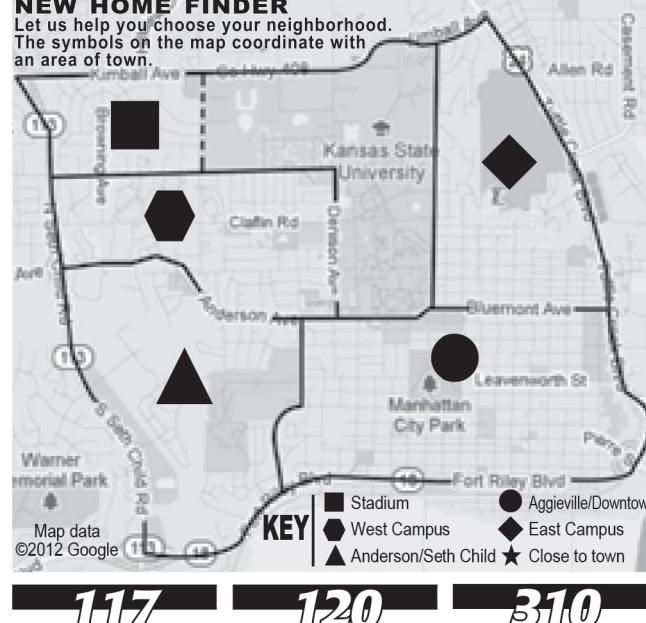
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## 'BioShock' saga comes to disappointing conclusion

### "BioShock: Burial at Sea"

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Video game review by  
Parker Wilhelm

An ambitious game by the name of "BioShock" took gamers by storm back in 2007.

It introduced players to the fascinating undersea city of Rapture, where entrepreneurs thrived without restriction in an aquatic haven, weaving a tale of bridging power and privilege with a beautiful Art Deco style to match.

"BioShock" was the game that captured my attention to the point that I had to own an Xbox. In short, "BioShock" is why I play video games.

Fast forward to 2014. Irrational Games, the "BioShock" developers, announced massive layoffs affecting hundreds following the completion of their amazing, but flawed, follow up, "BioShock Infinite."

As a last hurrah, Irrational Games takes players back to Rapture one last time in the form of "Burial at Sea," a two-part, download-only prequel.

With the release of "Burial at Sea: Episode Two," this marked the end of a franchise that has long held a special place in my heart. However, while it is amazing like the base game it is built upon, it is also very flawed.

Taking place before the events of the original "BioShock," players switch up their normal roles and take on the femme fatale persona of Elizabeth, "BioShock Infinite's" dimension-hopping lady wunderkind.

The changes from episode two over episode one, which came out earlier this year, are mostly an improvement. Though, much like "BioShock Infinite," it fails to hold water under scrutiny.

One of the more welcome changes, however, is that casting of Elizabeth as the protagonist. She simply has a more interesting background than Booker DeWitt, the stereotypically gung-ho action hero/detective-type of both Infinite and "Burial at Sea, Episode One."

Because she is not as battle-hardy as DeWitt and recently

devoid of her powers, Elizabeth must rely on using craft and stealth to survive the leaking ruins of Rapture.

While the "powerless woman must avoid combat" thing feels like a step back for Elizabeth's character and games as a whole, being sneaky does shake up the "BioShock Infinite" formula a bit. However, shake up does not mean improvement, and this is where "Burial at Sea" face plants.

But first, let's look back at Infinite.

Before Irrational Games announced their semi-liquidation, its staff had reached a massive size and the amount of cooks spoiling the broth during the development of "BioShock Infinite" had taken its toll.

Infinite had its share of roadblocks, including the delay. While the product that hit shelves was by no means incomplete, it did contain fractured ideas of what Irrational Games wanted to fit in the game, but couldn't because they had to make deadlines.

Enemies meant to have regular occurrences become one-time cameos, the plot skips over elements that needed more explanation, and the combat was half-baked.

I gave "BioShock Infinite" a glowing review when it launched, and I still stand behind certain aspects of it; the art, the characters and the ending are still superb. However, "Burial at Sea, Episode Two" shares the same critical flaw of Infinite: an original vision is muddled by "do it because it's supposed to be like 'BioShock'" instead of, "do it because it's supposed to be fun."

None of the gameplay made the original "BioShock" fun. No roleplaying, no decisions, no preparation, no survival. Elizabeth almost immediately finds a power to become invisible and, not long after, finds an upgrade to practically stay invisible forever.

By that point, the challenge drops so sharply that I forgot I was already playing on the highest difficulty. In short, this is the weakest the BioShock series has ever been in gameplay. But at least the story's still good, right? Wrong.

The perspective episode two has on the fall of Rapture



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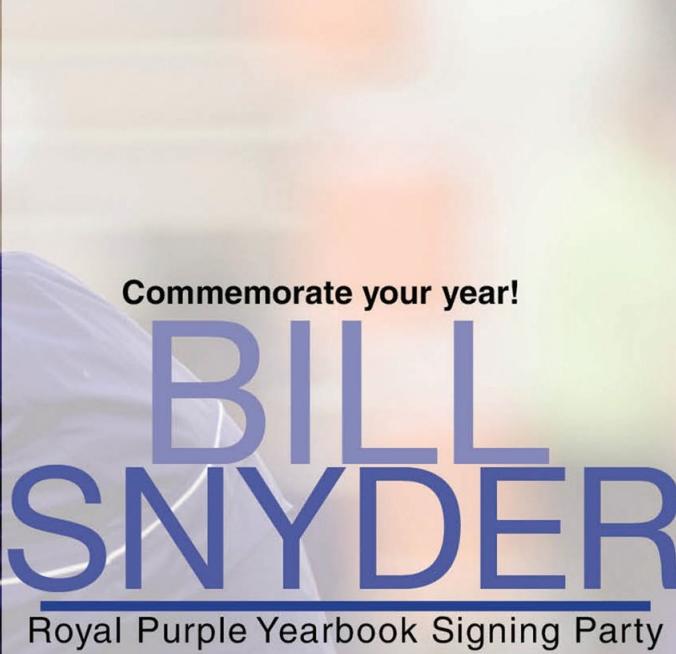
is effective as a prequel, I will grant it that. However, the answers both episodes try to give players doesn't cover any pressing mysteries they had and sometimes even causes more plot holes in the process.

In short, the "Burial at Sea" shares just a little too much with "Infinite." It copies what I loved about 2007's "BioShock" on a surface level, but not the reasons why.

If you are a BioShock fan,

you will enjoy being back in Rapture in time to catch Irrational's send-off to the series. However, about an hour after the credits roll, you will discover that the enjoyment you got out of it stayed where you left it, buried at sea.

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